

JUL 25 2002

**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/262,743

Filing Date: March 5, 1999

First Named Inventor: Mari Natori

Group Art Unit: 2122

Examiner: C. Kendall

Attorney Docket Number: 02887.0136

Attorney Customer Number: 22,852

RECEIVED

JUL 29 2002

Technology Center 2100

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on May 28, 2002.
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed:

- i. Amendment/Reply
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)

b. Other _____

3. Fees

a. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

- i. \$740.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. Extension of Time Fee
- iii. Other _____

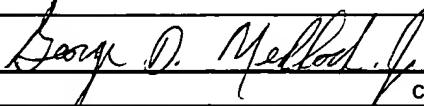
b. Check in the amount of \$740.00 enclosed.

c. The Director is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

Name: George D. Medlock, Jr.

Reg. No.: 48,167

Signature: 

Date: July 25, 2002

Certificate of Mailing or Transmission

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, BOX RCE, Washington, D.C. 20231, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on:

Name:

07/25/2002 LNUYEN 00000007 09262743

Date:

Signature:

740.00 0P

09262743 00000003 060916 00 CH 08/01/2002 BURNER 01 FC:116